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## Record of Pat Crowe

**Adventurous Career of  
an Alleged Kid-  
naper.**

**Crimes Charged to Man Sup-  
posed to Have Captured Son  
of Edward Cudaby and  
Held Him For Ransom.**

Omaha's police force is breathing easier now that Pat Crowe, kidnaper, is in the hands of the law and in no immediate danger of shooting the heads off any number of them, as he has often threatened to do if they ever tried to capture him, says an Omaha correspondent of the New York Herald.

And from Crowe's past record every policeman on the force believed implicitly that he would carry out his threat if he ever got the chance. While Crowe is chiefly remembered by the public as the man supposed to have



HE BEGAN FIRING WITH A REPEATING GUN, kidnaped the young son of Edward Cudaby, a meat packer, and secured a ransom of \$25,000 in gold for the boy, the police departments of the big cities remember him for his alleged part in various desperate holdups and robberies. While the Cudaby affair was not the greatest of his supposed enterprises, at least it was the most spectacular, and it brought Pat before the world.

One of Crowe's early hauls was reported to have been made in Denver, when he is said to have robbed a pawnbroker's shop of \$18,000 in diamonds and escaped. These diamonds are said to have been sold, one or two at a time, to Omaha and South Omaha pawnshops, and the money went about as easy as it came. He was never punished.

At train robbing Crowe was reported as an expert and is thought to have led more holdup parties than any other man in the country. His favorite stamping ground for this class of work was near St. Joseph, Mo., and he is credited with a record of three successful robberies in one year. All of these were committed on the Burlington railroad.

But Pat, it is said, tried this once too often, and as a result he came to grief. This, too, was on the Burlington road, just below Council Bluffs, Ia. The Kansas City train on that road pulled out about 11 o'clock one night, and half an hour later the train was held up. The express messenger was commanded to open the doors of his car, and he did so, but instead of throwing out the through safe he opened his door and began firing with a repeating shotgun. Crowe's companion was fairly riddled, and Crowe escaped in the darkness. The dead man was never identified, but is said to have come from St. Joseph.

A westbound Northwestern train was held up several years ago just outside of Chicago, and a large amount of money was secured. Crowe is said to have been the robber, with a couple of his pals.

A southbound Louisville and Nashville train was held up below Henderson, Ky., one night. It was a successful raid, and the robbers were never caught, but if Crowe gets a few years longer in the penitentiary than he thinks is coming to him several years might, with truth, say some, be applied in expiating this crime.

One of the most daring robberies attributed to Crowe was that of an express on a Northwestern train in Minnesota. Diamonds and jewels worth \$20,000 were secured, and the thief dropped off the train at a way station. The theft was discovered soon afterward, and as Crowe was the only person missing from the car he was suspected. His description was recognized, and a trap was set for him.

It was discovered that a man answering his description had sent a small grip from a Minnesota town to a Chicago pawnbroker. The pawnshop was watched, and two weeks after the robbery Crowe walked in. Within the shop stood a detective, while on the

sidewalk was another. The pawnbroker was busy and couldn't see Crowe just then. As Pat stepped out of the door one detective grabbed his arms from behind, while the other one pressed a big revolver against his abdomen, with the exclamation, "If you resist I'll shoot you in two!"

Crowe didn't resist. He only laughed. "All right, boys, I'll go with you," he said. With a detective in front of their arm and each grasping him by the neck Crowe was led to the nearest police station.

"Look here," said an officer, "two boys want to hold a little party. They go on every night and get a lot of money. They are called 'The Boys'."

One of the boys happened to be Crowe's neck and arm. The next morning he was in the street and with a detective in front of their arm and each grasping him by the neck Crowe was led to the nearest police station.

## PEEL INTO DEEP MINE SHAFT

**Perilous Plight of Englishman  
Who Stumbled Over a  
"Death Trap."**

It is doubtful if any of the competitors at the recent Bixley rifle meeting in England has experienced an adventure more growsome or perilous than one that befell Mr. Menzies, one of the members of the Transvaal team.

As most people know who live or have lived in or about Johannesburg, abandoned mine shafts, which have been left without cover and without being railed off, abound there.

"I was walking from the mine to my home," said Mr. Menzies in telling the story, "about 8:30 on a dark evening. I thought I was keeping to the road, but I must have turned aside a few feet. I was going along briskly enough when I lost my foothold. I felt a fearful blow and then another. I fell down an inclined shaft, seventy feet, as I afterward measured. Then came a second incline, twenty feet more, then a third section, this time vertical, twenty feet more. Finally I landed a-straddle a couple of pieces of wattle staging laid across the last section of the shaft.

"About 100 feet below this again was the bottom part of the workings, full of water. Had I fallen to either side instead of in the middle on to the timbering I must of course have fallen into the water and drowned.

"As far as I thought at all I wondered what had happened and what would happen next. When I came to myself a little I put my hand to my head, where there was an overwhelming pain, and my hand became sticky, whence I concluded that I had struck my head against the side in falling and was bleeding.

"For a long time I remained there, clinging desperately to the staging and not knowing whether I should become so weak and giddy as to fall again to my death. I had no matches and, of course, was in total darkness, but I felt my way to the side timbers and to some piping, and by these I managed that night to climb up to where the second section of the shaft began, twenty feet above.

"How I got through the next day I have scarcely a notion. I know I clung there and listened desperately for any sound which might hint of coming help.



"I TELL DOWN AN INCLINED SHAFT," but as the hours passed and nobody came I had to recognize that nobody was likely to come near the workings.

"Several times I heard people pass within a short distance of the mine, and then I cried out as loud as I could, but I got no reply. Once I felt sure I heard my little daughter calling to me, and I called back with all my might, but nobody came. I found out afterward that my little girl had been there; but, though I heard her, she could not hear me. Next morning, the second morning of my imprisonment, partly by 'shinning' up pieces of timbering, partly by 'clawing' and digging into the sides with my hands, for I had not even a knife with me, I managed to clamber to the top. It was 10:30, thirty-eight hours from the time when I had fallen.

"I shall not forget my first look at the upper world again. I was, of course, shaken all to pieces, and when I got home I felt more dead than alive."

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